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COUPLE DUE TO FLY TO USA TODAY TO FIGHT FIRM'S ALLEGATIONS

A retired couple from Northampton were today due to be extradited to the USA to face fraud charges having been ordered to hand themselves in to police in London this morning.

Paul and Sandra Dunham lost a High Court battle last month after a request by the Department of Justice sought their extradition over what the couple claim is an "employment-related dispute".

Mr Dunham, 58, who was chief executive and president of Pace, a US company manufacturing soldering irons for the electronics industry, was indicted on 13 counts of fraud and money-laundering by a grand jury in Greenbelt, Maryland, in December 2011.

Mrs Dunham, also 58, is accused of eight counts of fraud for allegedly aiding and abetting him. They deny all the allegations.

A statement released on be-

half of the couple on Tuesday said: "Paul and Sandra Dunham, British grandparents from Northampton, have been told by the Met Police's extradition unit to report to Belgrave police station at 10am this Thursday for onward transportation by the police to Heathrow, where they will be handed over to US marshals and extradited to the US."

The couple "vehemently reject" allegations relating to expenses claims while working in the US. The charges against the couple relate to accusations that Mr Dunham over-claimed expenses from Pace, of which he was also a 20 per cent shareholder. His wife is accused of aiding and abetting her husband.

The couple argue the spending was sanctioned by Pace's board and that auditors raised no objections at the time.

At the High Court, Lord

Justice Beatson and Mr Justice Simon were asked to halt extradition on the grounds it would violate Article Eight of the Human Rights Act, which safeguards an individual's "private and family life".

The court heard that Mr Dunham had suffered a series of mini-strokes as well as mental health problems due to a high level of stress, while his wife was suffering moderate to severe depression.

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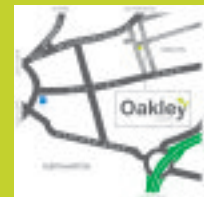
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The council received 1,500 objections from residents about plans to build on the outskirts of Hardingstone

Fight against plan for 1,000 homes not over

Developers have refused to rule out an appeal over a council decision to refuse 1,000 new homes on land in Hardingstone.

Residents were delighted when the decision was made by Northampton Borough Council's planning committee on Tuesday night, but their fight may not be over as developers said yesterday they are now considering their next steps.

The scheme, which also included shops and a primary school on a site just outside the village, was rejected in a 4-2 vote by members of Northampton Borough Council's planning committee because the road network would not be adequate.

The decision followed 1,500 objections from residents, councillors and local businesses who said that roads in the area would not be able to cope with a potential 1,500 extra vehicles.

Councillor Jonathan Nunn (Con, Nene Valley) said: "The roads are significantly over-used already and traffic in-



Residents object to plans to build on the outskirts of Hardingstone.

crease would mean that, when there are accidents and during peak times, the queues on the A45 will reach the M1."

Daniel Punter, of the Hardingstone Action Group (NAG), said: "Doubling the size of Hardingstone would destroy our village identity and the plan would open the door for further developments that will swallow up villages until Northampton bumps into Milton Keynes."

But a spokesman from

the Homes and Communications Agency, the applicant, said: "Following the planning decision for our land at Hardingstone, we will now be considering the options available to us."

Anticipating such a response, HAG chairman, Adrian Bell, said: "We recognise that appeals will follow."

"But we won't go away and we have gathered momentum in our direction."

"The refusal was made on

facts and figures, taking in the negative impact increased traffic would have on Brackmills Industrial Estate, and shows that there are huge practical issues that are about more than residents wanting to keep their country view."

■ During Tuesday's meeting, developers and committee members backed the Hardingstone development plan on the grounds they would provide much-needed housing in Northampton.

Senior planning officer, Nick Toon, said the development would form a "vital" part of the central government's 'five-year housing supply' demand and that the impact on traffic and wildlife would not sufficiently outweigh Northampton's "need for growth".

Speakers from LDA design and architectural company, Parsons Brinckerhoff, outlined measures to manage traffic increase and insisted they would prevent the development plan from causing "long-term detriment".

The comments caused some residents at the meeting to laugh in disbelief.

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Residents hit out

Angry residents have hit out after new parking restrictions banned them from leaving cars outside their homes.

People from more than 30 houses in St Andrew's Road near Kingsthorpe Hollow, in Northampton, have complained to Northamptonshire County Council after they said they were surprised by a new restrictions last week, preventing them from parking outside along the road between 8am and 8pm, seven days a week.

They believed the restriction would be an inconvenience to themselves and residents in surrounding areas and that it was made without warning.

Following the objections, the council has temporarily waived the restriction, but it could be reinstated after further reviews in the future.

One resident, Colleen Dillon, aged 24, said: "St Andrew's Road is very wide and hasn't had any restrictions since there was a primary school there more than 15 years,



Residents in St Andrew's Road say restrictions mean they can no longer park in their

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houses down and impact on residents in other areas when we have to park in their spaces.

“Having no parked cars in the road would also make worse the problem we already

have of lorries racing down it.”

Following concerns from residents in St Andrew's Road about the impact of a parking restriction, Northamptonshire County Council has explained its plans.

A spokesperson said: “Work is being carried out to put in double yellow lines extending into a number of side roads off St Andrew's Road.

“This has been agreed with the Semilong Residents' Forum and the lines have been through the full Traffic Regulation Order process, including letters to nearby properties, public notices and a review of any objections received.

“The lines will create a point where pedestrians can cross the road, as currently they stop short of the pedestrian guard rail so that anyone walking along St Andrew's Road could be obstructed by a parked car.

“This has also caused people with mobility scooters to ride against the traffic along St Andrew's Road because there was nowhere for them to cross safely.”

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University to change its academic year

The University of Northampton has unveiled plans to dispense with the traditional three-month student summer holiday and move towards a '52-week, 24 hour' campus arrangement.

In a proposal sent to all staff, Jane Bunce, director of student and academic services, said the university was considering a radical change in the academic year ahead of the institution's move to the new Waterside campus near the town centre in 2018.

Mrs Bunce said the new academic year would be split into four quarters, rather than the current three, and involve greater use of the July to September period when students normally have no teaching or studying time.

Rather than two teaching terms of 12 weeks, broken up with two four-week holidays, followed by an examination period in May/June, the university would have 10 weeks



The University of Northampton is looking to end the three-month summer holiday.

of teaching, split by two-week holidays, followed by a period of formal examination and then another three-month period that can be used for "optional activities" or further teaching and study. Easter would be a long weekend instead of automatically at the centre of the two-week break.

The proposal paper stated: "There should be no 'down time' within the year and the university should be designed as open for all days except those specifically noted as bank holidays."

Mrs Bunce said the change

es to the academic year would offer greater value for money and provide opportunities for students to carry out extra-curricular activities.

Students would also be able to retake their exams in the summer period rather than having to wait until the next academic year.

For staff, changes would mean annual leave would be managed more tightly and research activity may be allocated in a concentrated block within a quarter of the year. The university said staff contracts would be affected by the plans and this would require discussions with the unions.

As a result of students resitting their exams in the same academic year, the university could lose some module income, but may make up for this loss through more students studying throughout the year and being in halls of residence for a longer proportion of the year. The plans would be introduced from 2015.

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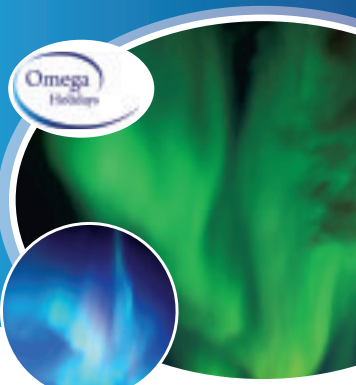
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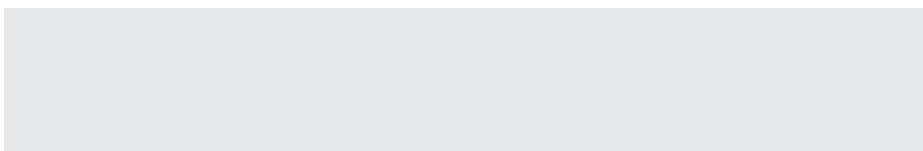
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The planning application for the new Northamptonshire County Council HQ has been approved.

£43m HQ for county council gets go-ahead

The new £43 million head-quarters for Northamptonshire County Council has been given the go-ahead by planners.

Members of Northampton Borough Council's planning committee approved the plans after hearing that the offices in Angel Street would bring 2,000 more people into the town centre on a daily basis.

Programme director of 'Project Angel', Richard Beeby, said it would include a 138-capacity car park, a cafe and office spaces, as well as potential space for retail.

The building would also require the demolition of two small unused buildings and the moving of Northamp-

tonshire County Council offices from the town's old jail block.

Mr Beeby said: "Using this site for the project will create the most economic benefit for Northampton and will combine the new with the old by creating a modern and vibrant working space on a site in desperate need of renovation."

Following the approval for the plan, leader of Northamptonshire County Council, Councillor Jim Harker, said: "We are clearly delighted to have secured this permission which is a real landmark, paving the way to one of the most significant regeneration developments in the town under the Northampton Alive programme."

"This building is essential for us as an organisation as it will allow us to make £54m of savings by moving out of a current stock of 12 expensive-to-run, ageing HQ buildings in Northampton into one purpose-built energy efficient, low carbon building."

"Moreover the new head-quarters will bring 2,000 members of staff into the town centre giving a welcome boost to traders by bringing more spending power into the area," Councillor Harker added. The construction company for the building, originally designed by international architecture and engineering company BDP, will be revealed in September before work begins early next year.

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The fountain in Market Square on Monday after it was attacked by vandals

Three people caught on CCTV at foamy fountain

Three people have been caught on CCTV putting liquid into the fountain in Northampton town centre, causing it to be filled with foam.

The fountain was filled with bubbles on Bank Holiday Monday, the third time in recent weeks it was targeted by vandals.

Councillor David Mackintosh, leader of Northampton Borough Council, said: "It may seem like a harmless prank, but this sort of behaviour is damaging public property,

costing the council time and taxpayers' money as we put the fountain right for people to enjoy.

"This weekend a woman and two teenage boys were caught on CCTV putting liquid into the fountain, and it was a simple matter for the police to find them quickly.

"Our network of CCTV cameras covers the area, which means we will catch people in the act or shortly afterwards and we will encourage the police to press charges for criminal damage.

"The fountain is something that people told us they wanted restored. It is clearly a popular feature as people of all ages have been enjoying it more and more as the weather has improved.

"It is a huge shame when the actions of a few thoughtless people mean we have to shut it down for repairs."

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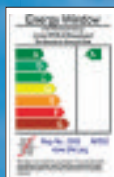
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Student lives off £1 for food campaign

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A student lived on a £1 a day for nearly a week after a trip to India showed him what it was like to live in extreme poverty.

Robert Masnica, a 20-year-old law student at Northampton College, last week completed his 'Live Below the Line' campaign to raise awareness of the reality of starvation and water scarcity for those living below the poverty line.

During the campaign, Mr Masnica, who lives in Margaret Street, near the Mounts in Northampton, allowed himself no more than £1 a day to spend on food and drink for five days.

He said: "By the middle of the Monday it was already getting difficult and towards the end I started to feel really ill.

"I mainly ate noodles and Scotch eggs, holding off from eating until 6pm and trying to sleep and keep myself distracted as much as possible.

"But as soon as it got to mid-



Student Robert Masnica, from Northampton College, was inspired by a volunteering trip to south India and lived for five days spending just £1 a day on food and drink

night on Friday, I was out to get a takeaway.

"It was a hard experience that opened my eyes to the food variety we have here and it made me think about all the people who have to live like

this every day.

"It's amazing how much difference just £1 can make."

Mr Masnica's 'Live Below the Line' idea followed a 10-week volunteering trip to Matesh Palya, near Bangalore,

India, at the end of 2013.

During the visit, he and a team of 10 built sanitary facilities, public bins, drinking troughs for cattle and renovated a community hall.

He said: "I would love to do

it all again and am considering a possible career change to similar charity work.

"I will definitely be doing more volunteering in the future and would recommend it to anyone."

Tribute to man behind tours of war graves

A MAN who has taken hundreds of Northamptonshire people to the graves of loved ones killed in the First and Second World Wars, has died after a prolonged illness at the age of 82.

Alex Bulloch (pictured), of King's Norton, Leicestershire, founded the Birmingham War Research Society together with police force colleagues in 1972. Since then, he has performed a unique service by transporting people to the last resting places of relatives who fell during both wars, mainly in France, Belgium and Germany.

Mr Bulloch, who received the MBE in 2008 for charitable services, was born in April 1932, in East Lothian, Scotland.

Mr Bulloch's wife Jessie died in 2012. He leaves two sons, Keith and Ian.



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Dried-up ponds at a Northampton nature reserve have had warnings notices placed on them because of potentially-deadly algae.

The three ponds, in Bradlaugh Fields, Kingsthorpe, dried up several weeks ago soon after workers for Anglian Water carried out work on water pipes elsewhere in the park.

The amount of water in the ponds is now so tiny that waterlife including koi carp, roach and perch, have had to be rescued by the Environment Agency.

Now the Friends of Bradlaugh Fields have fenced them off and placed notices warning parents and dog walkers to beware of what some believe to be toxic blue-green algae.

Dog walker Gary Smart, aged 27, from Kingsthorpe, said: "The ponds are an environmental disaster area now; it's tragic when you think of how scenic this area was just a few months ago. We can't even



take the children here now."

There is disagreement over what caused the levels to fall so dramatically.

As revealed by the *Chron* last week, Anglian Water told councillors it was as a result of its workers repairing a pipe that runs through the park, which had been leaking for about 30 years.

However park users and Michael Ellis, the MP for Northampton North, refuse

to believe that the leak is the cause.

They believe natural springs that fed the pond have somehow become blocked around the time the water company was carrying out its works. It is understood Anglian Water is looking at a range of options to raise the levels of the ponds in coming months, including lining them with non-porous clay then topping up the water levels.

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It is now warning dog owners to be vigilant when leaving their pets unsupervised.

Michael Lander, the clinic director, said: "Dogs are naturally curious. In many cases it happens when they have been left at home on their own and we are warning owners to always leave their dogs in a safe environment where they can't get hold of any harmful substances and objects."

Chocolate is particularly harmful to dogs as it contains a stimulant called theobromine, which is similar to caffeine, and can be fatal.

Following operations on dogs' stomachs, the vets practice has removed everything



Nurses Bekki Bridges and Georgia Douglas

from cotton reels to underwear. The most commonly ingested items are clothing, human medication and gardening products, including slug pellets and pesticides.

Mr Lander said: "When a dog swallows something it all comes down to the speed at which the dog is seen and treated."

"We recently treated one

dog who had eaten a sock. Luckily the owner brought him in within 20 minutes and we were able to remove it without surgery."

"Unfortunately, not all cases are so easily solved. We also recently treated a dog that had eaten slug pellets from a garden several hours before reaching the vets. Unfortunately that dog didn't make it."

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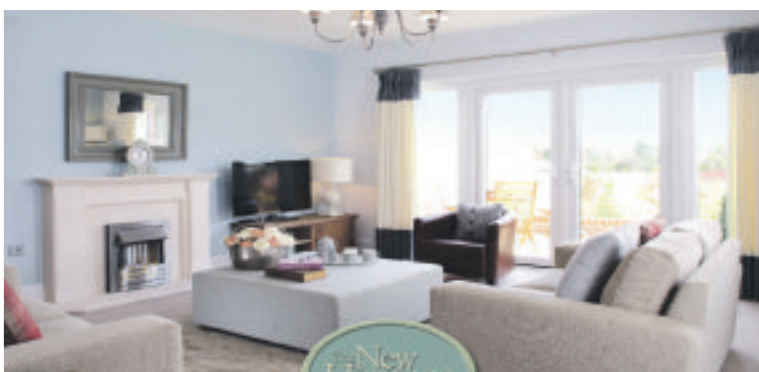
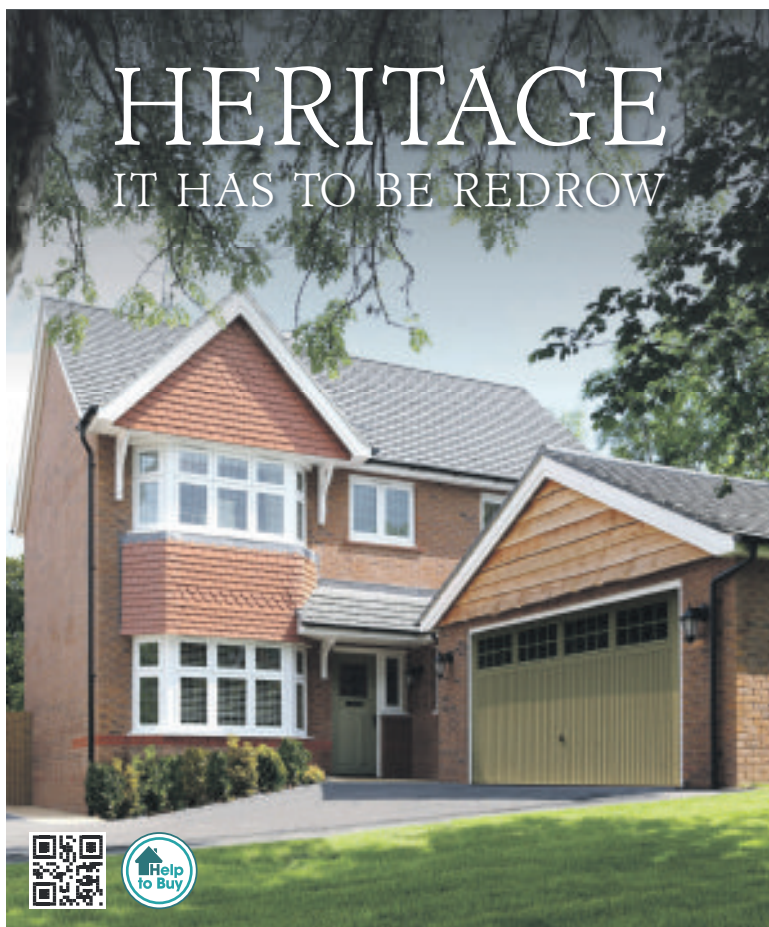
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Cockerill turns up pressure

Leicester boss says emphasis is on Saints to win semi-final

RUGBY

Leicester Tigers boss Richard Cockerill says the pressure is on Saints ahead of Friday's Aviva Premiership play-off semi-final at Franklin's Gardens (7.45pm ko).

Cockerill claims Jim Mallinder's men have had 'the season of their lives' and feels they will be favourites to book a place in the May 31 Twickenham showpiece.

Saints have not beaten Tigers in any competition since September, 2010, a run that spans 10 games.

But Cockerill is adamant his team will be the underdogs when they head to Northampton for the latest instalment of the east midlands derby.

"Saracens and Saints have been the best sides all year, Sarries in particular, and we haven't earned the right to be at home," the Tigers director of rugby told the Leicester Mercury.

"We will go to Saints and it will be one hell of a game.

"It's a local derby in a semi-final and all the pressure is on them – not us.

"They have had the season of their lives – now they have got to finish it off. But we know we are a good side on our day and we have done all right against them in the past few years.

"That was some turnaround from them against Wasps, being 13-0 down and going on to win 74-13. Fair play to them.

"They are a good side. If they get momentum, they will punish you. We rested the core

of our team against Saracens whereas Saints played most of theirs."

Meanwhile, Ken Pisi admits Leicester have had a psychological edge over Saints, but is adamant his side will end their 10-match winless run against their rivals.

The Samoan wing was named man of the match in the 74-13 demolition of Wasps last weekend, grabbing a second-half score that was one of 11 for Saints.

That victory has increased confidence at Franklin's Gardens, where the latest instalment of the east midlands derby will take place this week.

And Pisi feels Saints have enough to beat Tigers for the first time since September, 2010 and secure a place in the Premiership final.

"They've got that upper hand psychologically, but we've been getting closer and closer and I believe that Friday will be our time to get a win," he said.

"We've definitely got the belief. We're confident, whoever's playing, and even our bench is strong. We've got a good vibe all round."

Saints secured a memorable victory in the Premiership semi-finals last May, slaying Saracens at Allianz Park.

And Pisi says he and his team-mates will draw on that experience as they bid to replicate the achievement this week.

"We do take confidence from what happened at Saracens," he said. "On our day we're unstoppable. Hopefully we bring that on Friday and the boys will give it their all."



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